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Title: ILLUMINATION SYSTEM USING A PLURALITY OF LIGHT SOURCES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT-ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's office action dated November 8, 2004, Applicants provisionally elect the species described by claim 1: an illumination device that includes a plurality of LED dies to generate optical radiation; an interconnect circuit layer to provide electrical connection for the plurality of LED dies; a plurality of optical waveguides, where each of the plurality of optical waveguides includes a first end and a second end, where each first end is in optical communication with a corresponding LED die of the plurality of LED dies; and an array of optical elements, where each optical element of the array of optical elements is interposed between a corresponding first end of the optical waveguide and the corresponding LED die. The claims that

read on the elected species are claims 1-38.

It is respectfully urged that the claims now pending before the Examiner are in condition for allowance. A notification of allowability is respectfully solicited.

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- ☒ 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1) - Extension within first month
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☐ 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3) - Extension within third month
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Should the Examiner determine that a telephone interview would be beneficial in resolving any of the issues in this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan 5, 2005
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